

Naif says

Provincial system to reduce centralism

JEDDAH, May 3 — Interior Minister Prince Naif said the proposed provincial system will help reduce centralism without being fully independent of the central government.

In a statement to *Al-Jazirah* newspaper Sunday, Prince Naif said the system ordered by King Khaled two years ago is almost ready, and is intended to improve governmental efficiency at the provincial level by appointing a prince to every province and giving him wide powers.

The housing schemes of the ministry eventually will cost SR16 billion and will provide accommodation to the staff and personnel of the Interior Ministry in various parts of the country. "The scheme will cover the Kingdom." Most of the accommodation will be ready during the current five-year development plan which begins its second year this week.

In other news, the states of the Gulf have been discussing the desirability of inter-Gulf travel by identity cards only, Prince Naif said

that the states have no objection to this and that he had discussions about it especially with Kuwait. But so far nothing positive has been achieved as this agreement depends on the internal regulations of each state. It also will depend on the issue of identification cards to each citizen in the states concerned. When this is done, further discussions will be held, he said. The government here will soon issue such cards so that every citizen may carry an identification card with full details, he said.

Prince Naif said bids will be invited soon to build the Internal Security Academy and barracks which is expected to provide better and bigger training facilities to the cadets.

The prince made his statement during graduation ceremonies a new class of cadets, which with 275 officers was one of the largest in recent years.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister Prince Ahmad, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Yamani, Brig. Muhammad Ali Suhayli, commander of the academy



CEREMONY: Prince Naif and other dignitaries watch graduation ceremonies for 275 officers at the Internal Security Academy.

Maj. Gen. Maamoun Khalil and other senior officers.

In a separate development, Prince Naif ordered punishment of four merchants who violated the supply regulations, officials announced Sunday. The interior minister passed the verdict based on a report by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

The verdict fined SR2,000 each for two shop owners — Omar Qassem Al-Isayem from Riyadh and Fahd Abdullah Al-Fahd Al-Manee from Medina — for failing to put price tags on merchandise displayed in their shops. Abed Allah Aji Bawazir and Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Manee, both Riyadh shopowners, were fined SR1,000 each also for not putting price tags on their merchandise.

The offenders were instructed to publish the verdict in local newspapers at their expense. The move comes under the Commerce Ministry's strict measures to stabilize prices, protect consumers and achieve prosperity.

Talal leaves Riyadh

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant to the U.N. secretary-general and special envoy for UNICEF left here Sunday for Nairobi on a several-day visit to Kenya.

During his stay there, Prince Talal will discuss with Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi and officials UNICEF's activities in Kenya and East Africa.

BRIEFS

Passport officers depart

JEDDAH, May 3 — Two officers of Jeddah Passport office left for the U.S. to train on a new computer which the office will acquire to facilitate, expand and improve work, according to *Al-Medina* Sunday. The officers are Abdul Aziz Al Sajini, and Lt. Abdul Razzak Kamal.

Plastic factory ok'd

RIYADH, May 3 — The government has given permission for a plastic factory to be set up in Hail with an annual capacity of 800 tons, at a cost of SR 8.6 million, local newspapers reported.

Date imports banned

RIYADH, May 3 — With the exception of one type of Iraqi date, all imports of dates have been banned by order of the government. An Agriculture Ministry statement said the aim was to protect the local produce

and encourage farmers to plant more date palms.

Jordan security officials visit

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — Jordan's Director General of Internal Security, Lt. General Marmoun Khalil visited the new hospital of the internal security forces which has 120 beds. Earlier he met with Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh, director of security, who had invited him to the Kingdom.

Bribes punished

RIYADH, May 3 — A traffic warden was sentenced to one year imprisonment for demanding a bribe from a passenger, a municipal employee to two years for seeking a bribe to do his job and a third man to one year and fine of SR 1,000 for forging the signature of a bank depositor and drawing SR 50,000 in his name, according to the Interior Ministry Sunday.

COMMENT

By Abdul Majid Shobokshi

Al-Bilad

The Secretariat General of the King Faisal International Award has invited universities and higher institutes to send nominations for prizes in Islamic studies, Arabic literature and services to Islam.

We have at present seven universities in the Kingdom and each one of them has hundreds of professors in different fields of knowledge. Besides, there is a good number of eminent scholars at other scientific and cultural institutions in the country. But so far, none of our universities seem to have nominated any of our scholars and writers, like other Arab universities which did so and bagged the prizes.

I believe our writers and intellectuals are no less eminent in their fields of specialization. They have played a commendable role in the progress of literary movement in the country. To name a few, there are writers like Abdul Qadoos Al-Afsari, Hamad Al-Jasser, Ahmed Abdul Ghafoor Attar, Abdullah ibn Khamis, Amin Madani, Muhammad Hassan Fiqi, Aziz Zia, Muhammad Hussein Zeidan, Muhammad Said Al-Amoudi,

Ahmed Al-Sibaei and many others who were considered pioneers of literature by the first conference of Saudi Arabian writers held at the King Abdul Aziz University some time ago.

We had been hoping that some of our universities would nominate the most deserving among them for the award of King Faisal Prize in Arabic literature. The literary contributions of some of them have not only made them famous but has enriched the arts and literature of the country. Scholars like Hamad Al-Jasser, Abdullah ibn Khamis and Hassan Abdullah Al-Quraishi have been selected members by some of prominent literary academics, while the works of some others have been translated into foreign languages.

I need not mention the influence they have left on the Arabic literary through their literary contributions. But it would suffice to refer to Ansari, Jasser, Attar, Amin Madani and some others, whose publications entitle them to this award in recognition of their commendable contribution in the field of literature.

Germans sign oil contract With UAE

ABU DHABI, May 3 (WAM) — A West German oil exploration company was Sunday granted its first concession agreement to search for oil in a large area offshore Abu Dhabi.

Lt. Gen. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, Abu Dhabi crown prince and deputy supreme commander of the UAE armed forces Sunday signed an oil concession agreement with a representative from Deutsche Mineral Exploration Company (DEMINEX) a West German enterprises operating on an international scale in various parts of the world including the North Sea.

The area of the concession covers 1838 sq. km, north-west Abiad Island, some 70 km. west of Abu Dhabi. First news about the

agreement was announced at a meeting last Thursday between Sheikh Khalifa and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt before he left for Bonn, ending a two-day state visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Sheikh Khalifa told the Emirates News Agency (WAM) that the agreement opens a new page for co-operation between the UAE and the Federal Republic of Germany for the benefit of both peoples.

UAE Minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Dr. Mana Saeed Al Otaiba who was present at the signing ceremony said that according to the agreement, DEMINEX is to spend \$50 million on exploration work during the first eight years of the concessions period which is 35 years.

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ISF prepares revenue measures

By Ahmad Shaaban
JEDDAH, May 3 — The Islamic Solidarity Fund is planning urgent measures to secure a steady revenue rather than depend solely on voluntary donations from member states. The measures soon place some \$30 million in three or six months short-term fixed deposit accounts with any of the Islamic banks in the Arabian Peninsula, the ISF president disclosed to *Arab News* last week.

The \$30 million will yield some 10-15 per cent revenue, not in the form of bank interest, but as a share of profit from any business the bank will invest the money in. Bank interest is

banned by Islam. It is being considered usury, Dr. Ibrahim said. He was emerging from a session of the ISF's permanent council held at the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The ISF was established by resolution of the Second Islamic Summit in Lahore in 1974. It was its own corporate and independent personality. Its headquarters are in the OIC General Secretariat here. The fund has been in existence for six years now, while its formation stage took almost two years. Among its main objectives are to give assistance, to initiate and support useful projects

and to practice various activities in the fields of Islamic promotion, youth welfare and Islamic culture throughout the world.

Dr. Ibrahim said the \$30 million were the only amounts pledged so far (\$20 million by Saudi Arabia and \$10 million by the United Arab Emirates) to constitute the \$100 million Waqf (trust fund) to support the ISF's welfare and cultural activities, as approved by the third Islamic summit under King Khalid last January in Taif.

The official cited as examples of trustworthy banks, the Bahrain Islamic Bank, Baitul Mal in Kuwait, Dubai Islamic Bank and the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank. But he explained that this would only be a temporary measure until the recently-formed board of trustees of the waqf holds its first meeting and decides on the best means to invest the funds. Such means, he said, could include real estate, or the board could strike a deal with an investment company like the Islamic Investment Company of Sharjah which is headed by Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal.

Formation of the board of trustees was completed only during last week's ISF meeting when the names of the three experts designated by OIC Secretary General were disclosed by Dr. Ibrahim and approved by the permanent council.

Meanwhile, the ISF council adopted a \$19.2 million budget last week for financial year 1981/82 while awaiting for Islamic states to respond to the third Islamic summit's appeal last January to contribute enough funds to raise the ISF's annual budget to at least \$50 million, Dr. Ibrahim said. He added that hopefully the contributions will come during the next 12th Islamic conference of foreign ministers in Baghdad next June 1-6.

The 13 member states of the fund are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia, Mauritania, Djibouti, the Comoros, Pakistan, Turkey and Malaysia, in addition to the OIC secretary general.

The 1981/82 budget will include \$4 million for calamities, natural catastrophes and man-made disasters; \$1 million for mosques, schools and hospitals throughout the Islamic world; \$2.35 million for support to Islamic centers and associations; \$700,000 for Islamic Dawah (invitation to join Islam) programs; \$5 million for support to scientific research and Islamic universities; \$400,000 for Muslim youth welfare; \$200,000 for seminars; \$2 million for supporting the struggle against the Judaization of Al-Quds Al-Sharif (Jerusalem); \$500,000 for the programs and activities connected to the advent of the 15th Hijra century and \$850,000 for administrative and technical expenses. The financial year of the fund begins on July 1st every year. The budget was calculated on realistic terms by taking the average of the past four years.

Anti-ADF report denied

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — An official source here denied a United Press International report alleging that the Kingdom is leading a campaign to stop the support offered by the Gulf states to the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon.


The source also denied the same report which alleged that Crown Prince Fahd had sent an urgent call to the leaders of Kuwait,

Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates to reassess their political and financial support to the force.

The source described the UPI report as unfounded. The source emphasized that the Kingdom stand toward the ADF in Lebanon is clear and well known. The UPI attributed its report to what the agency called diplomatic sources in New York.

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ARRIVAL: Korean Construction Minister Joo-Nam Kim (left) is greeted by the director general of roads, Abdullah Aserra, Saturday.

Korea minister arrives

RIYADH, May 3 (SPA) — South Korea's construction minister arrived here from Jeddah Sunday. Joo-Nam Kim arrived in Jeddah Saturday on a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Communications Minister Hussein Maassour.

He will discuss with his host and other senior officials the consolidation of cooperation in the fields of transport and communications and possible contribution of Korean firms in the Kingdom's developmental projects.

The Korean minister was met at the airport by Muhammad Abdullah Aserra, director general of roads in Jeddah, as well as the Korean ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Joo Cheng. He told newsmen that he was optimistic about the results of his talks which, he said, will also center on economic cooperation.

King thanked for Koran costs

MAKKAH, May 3 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, Saturday called his thanks to King Khalid for his government's covering the expenses of printing two million Koran copies, which the league will distribute worldwide.

The Islamic official also called his gratitude to Prince Miteh ibn Abdul Aziz, the minister of public works and housing and acting municipal and rural affairs minister, for responding to the league's appeal to print the two million copies at the headquarters of the Islamic Capitals Organization General Secretariat here.

Prince Miteh announced the gesture in the name of the Makkah municipality during the dedication ceremony of the new headquarters.

In Jeddah Pakistan plans food fest

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, May 3 — A Pakistan Food Festival will open here at Al-Badr Jeddah Sheraton Hotel, according to the Pakistan embassy.

The six-day fair, which is to feature a wide range of Pakistani dishes and specialties, has been organized by the Pakistan International Airlines in collaboration with Hotel Sheraton.

The venue will be the hotel's Coral Restaurant where the guests will be served food to the accompaniment of Pakistani instrumental folk music. A team of famous Pakistani instrumentalists is being flown in for this purpose.

For the May 6 food festival, the airlines has brought in its experienced and versatile cooks from its main Karachi kitchen. They will prepare traditional Pakistani dishes under the supervision of the air-fores' chefs.

Pakistani food has wide variety originating

from various Islamic festivals and styles perfected especially by the cooks of the Mughal Kings court. Cereals, meat and fish form the basic ingredients of this food but over the years Pakistani cooks have produced some of the choicest dishes admired all over the world.

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Several of these dishes will be featured at the festival. But seafood prepared in Pakistani styles will be one of the main specialties this time, says Khurshid Anwar, PIA's General Manager here.

One of the festival's highlights will be the family day on Friday when parents can bring their children to dine with them on the poolside in an informal family atmosphere.

Another highlight will be a boutique shop which will put on display and for sale a variety.



DISCUSSION: Makkah Governor Prince Majed talked to the faculty and students of the university in Makkah and held an open-ended dialogue about various subjects. He also answered questions from the floor.

Austria willing to sell weapons

JEDDAH, May 3 — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said his country doesn't have any reason to hesitate in supplying Saudi Arabia with arms.

In an interview with *Okaz*, Kreisky said the main issues to be discussed with Saudi Arabian leaders during his visit include the Middle East problem, the Palestinian question and promoting bilateral relations.

In reply to what has been accomplished regarding a deal on Austrian tanks requested by the Kingdom, Kreisky said, "We have no sensitivity toward this issue." The company that produces the tanks has been informed of the defense and foreign ministries approval, he added.

The Austrian chancellor received Saudi Arabian journalists at his residence in Vienna Sunday. He said that he had signed an agreement to supply Saudi Arabia with arms and the approval was passed to the company which produces the requested Shatir tanks.

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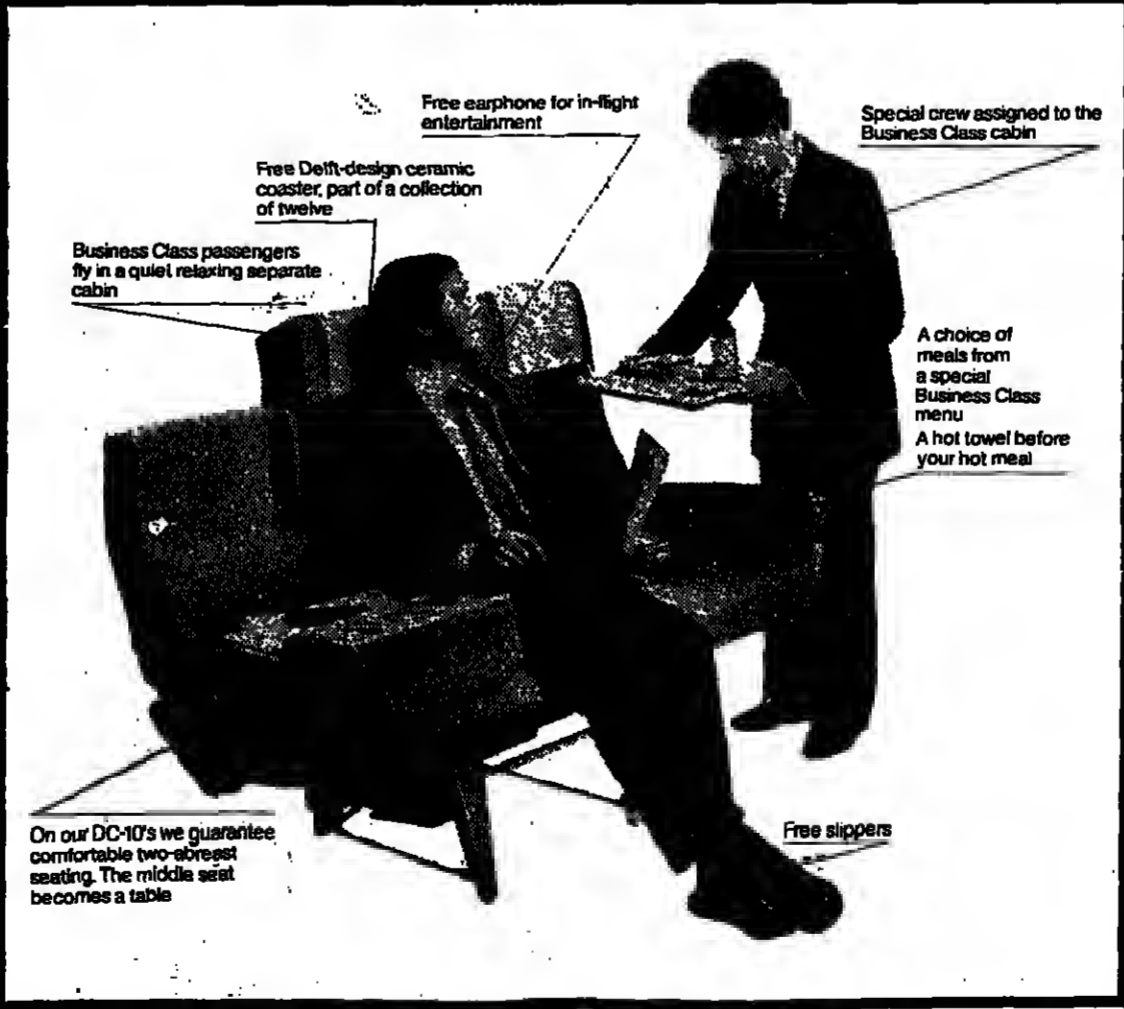
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Soviet Union strives for active role in Middle East

By John Morrison

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union is seeking an active role in the Middle East to counter U.S. diplomatic advances in the region, according to diplomats here. The current crisis in Lebanon, where the Kremlin's regional ally Syria has deployed Soviet-made missiles against a potential threat from Israel, highlighted Moscow's continuing stake in the region.

To reestablish a foothold in the Middle East, Moscow has been setting up a number of contacts with regional leaders, including those of traditionally pro-Western states. King Hussein of Jordan is due to visit Moscow later this month following journeys here in April by Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

According to Arab and Western diplomats, Soviet strategy is principally aimed at demonstrating Soviet presence in the region in the face of the United States' stated goal of stemming Moscow's influence there. The strategy is based on exploiting the opposition of most Arab states to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords that brought peace between Egypt and Israel but have so far failed to achieve a comprehensive solution of the Palestinian question.

Soviet efforts to harness this opposition have largely come to nothing. Efforts by Moscow to nudge closer to Saudi Arabia have been stalled since December 1979 by Saudi opposition to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The Soviet Union's strongest links in the Middle East are with Syria, Libya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Relations with Iraq, with which Moscow also has a friendship treaty, have deteriorated sharply since the start of the Iran-Iraq war last September. Iraq, blamed by Moscow for launching a costly and unnecessary conflict, is now accused in the Soviet press of "nationalist distortions" and is even bracketed with Moscow's other former friends, Egypt and Somalia, both now firmly in the U.S. camp.

Against this unpromising background, President Leonid Brezhnev has said his country is ready to resume the search for a comprehensive Middle East settlement in partnership with the United States through an international conference. In view of present American policies aimed at maintaining U.S. supremacy in the peace process, this proposal seems to be at best a long-term goal for Moscow. It has not been given wide publicity here.

A communique issued after Qaddafi's visit gave no indication of Libyan support for the idea of a conference — one of several signs that his talks with Brezhnev did not produce full agreement.

Brezhnev himself referred to ideological differences with Libya in his speech at a Kremlin dinner, and according to Arab diplomatic sources Qaddafi was annoyed by the way his speech in reply was edited by the Soviet press. It left out a key section in which he called on the Soviet Union to adopt a decisive position in giving political and military backing to the Arabs, and to show "more energetic support" for the Arab "steadfastness and confrontation front" opposed to Camp David.

The Soviet press also rewrote Qaddafi's remarks about the need to ensure Afghanistan's independence and neutrality and end all forms of outside interference there — a formulation unacceptable to Moscow because of its implied criticism of the Soviet intervention.

One senior Arab diplomat speculated that Qaddafi, who has in the past shown understanding for the Soviet intervention, raised the Afghan issue in order to put pressure on Brezhnev to support Libya's own intervention in Chad.

Arab diplomats said they did not believe Qaddafi's visit would lead to any substantial increase in political or military cooperation between the Soviet Union and Libya. They said the recent visit by Kuwait's foreign minister might in the long run turn out to have been far more significant because of the degree of support he gave to Soviet initiatives toward the Gulf.

A joint communique expressed Kuwait's support not only for the Soviet idea of an international conference on the Middle East, but also for the main elements of a proposal by Brezhnev for an international agreement on the security of the Gulf.

Moscow says it is ready to discuss Gulf security together with Afghanistan. Diplomats believe Moscow now sees a positive advantage in such linkage because it can use the possibility of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan as a lever to enhance its limited diplomatic role in the Gulf. — (R)

BUDGET AIMS

The new budget concentrates on the development of both the productive and service sectors thus attempting to achieve the two major objectives of the government at once. Roads, hospitals and desalination plants are given equal importance with industrial and agricultural development.

The current five-year plan of which this budget is the second had set out to develop the productive potentialities of the country after the previous one had nearly provided the infrastructure which the country had needed. But the population continued to grow and the building surge of the early 1970s, while tapering off, persisted to change the skyline and demand greater services. As money seeped to the grassroots the demand grew for development, houses, water, electricity, drainage, schools, hospitals, roads and the other requisites of a decent life.

The planners have had to review their priorities and to keep the development of essential services in line with productive schemes. This was revealed by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer who said that the government found that the services needed greater attention. This was done while at the same time continuing to build roads and desalination plants.

Figures will speak for themselves, but perhaps the government's finest achievement in the last five years has been the control of inflation and the regulation of spending through fiscal restraints. Assisted by a large income the government has spent generously to subsidize imports of basic foodstuffs including rice, wheat, sugar, milk, cooking oil and others. Sometimes the subsidy meant 70 per cent of the cost of a commodity as in the case of flour. Equally generous subsidies have been given to farmers to increase their production of crops.

The notorious congestion of the port of Jeddah was cleared in record time in a fabulous cost thus releasing enormous quantities of goods to inundate the markets and depress prices, necessities and luxuries alike. The government footed the bill and passed on the benefits to the consumer although some merchants misunderstood the intention and maintained their high profit margins. Still, there was a lot of supply and the competition eventually brought down prices to where they belonged.

This was coupled by a deliberate government policy to restrain outlays in order to prevent an influx of money in the market which would have nullified the policy of subsidies. While this was criticized at the time specially by those who were awaiting payment for dues against the government, the wisdom of restraint was appreciated nationwide when its aims and results were better understood.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Sunday reported in their lead story that King Khalid would chair the Council of Ministers' meeting to discuss and approve the new state budget for fiscal year 1401/02 H. Meanwhile, Okaz led with an exclusive interview with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who declared that his country would supply arms to Saudi Arabia.

In a front-page story, newspapers quoted Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) as saying that the replies of Iraq and Iran to the Islamic Goodwill Committee's proposals call for "optimism". Newspapers also gave front-page coverage to the Lebanese situation, saying that exhaustive international efforts are being made to bring calm to strife-torn Lebanon. Meanwhile, Al Medina reported on its front page that a meeting of officials from Syria, Libya and the PLO was held in Damascus Saturday to discuss the situation in Lebanon and to find ways of confronting Israel's escalating aggression on Lebanon.

The Gulf Summit Conference, which will be held in Abu Dhabi May 25, figured prominently as a page one story in the newspapers, while Al Jazirah came out with an exclusive interview with Interior Minister Prince Naif, who said, among other things, that a sum of SR 16 billion would be spent on housing projects for the country's internal security forces.

The new state budget and the situation in Lebanon formed the main topics of discussion in news-

paper editorials Sunday. Al Nahwa observed in an editorial that the announcement of the new budget "instills confidence in us and confirms that we are on the right path of progress and development."

The paper said that, while the state exerts all possible efforts to bring the country to a high level of development, it is necessary for the people to contribute their own share in the country's progress. With the announcement of the new budget, every man and woman of the country must be prepared to contribute to national efforts, so that the country makes harmonious progress and prosperity prevails everywhere in the country, the paper said.

Discussing the PLO, Okaz said that the dialogue between Saudi Arabia and West Germany has highlighted a positive point that emphasizes PLO's participation in the dialogue which is scheduled to be held this autumn among the foreign ministers of Arab and West European states. In this connection, the paper also mentioned Chancellor Schmidt's stress on the need for granting the Palestinians the right to determine their future, as well as British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's readiness to meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Referring to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's confirmation on a U.S.-PLO dialogue through a third party concerning the Lebanese crisis, the paper said it is another positive step signifying a shift in the American attitude toward the PLO. It added that the Kingdom has been largely instrumental in bringing about all these positive developments because



Nuclear debate haunts India

NEW DELHI —

Reports that Pakistan is preparing to produce nuclear weapons have begun a growing debate in India over whether it should follow suit. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has repeatedly insisted that India's nuclear program is purely for peaceful purposes.

But despite consistent Pakistani denials that it is preparing a nuclear weapons program, Mrs. Gandhi has warned that India would respond in an "appropriate manner" if Pakistan manufactures nuclear weapons.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they became independent in 1947, but both have expressed a desire to further normalize their relations, which improved somewhat in recent years. But a number of leading Indian defense experts and journalists who often reflect government thinking have demanded that India should not wait, but make its own preparations for manufacturing nuclear weapons now.

K. Suerahmanyam, director of the government-funded Institute of Defense Studies and Analysis, said in an article last week: "The time to act is not after Pakistan conducts the tests... the time to get ready for the appropriate response is now."

India exploded a nuclear device in 1974, and Mrs. Gandhi has not ruled out the possibility of other tests. "If the need for such an experiment is felt we shall go ahead with it," she told parliament in March.

Fuel was added to the nuclear debate last week when Democratic Senator Alan Cranston told the U.S. Senate there was evidence that both India and Pakistan were preparing test sites for nuclear explosions. He said the Indian test sites could occur in the next few months and Pakistan's test by the end of the year, but more likely next year.

An Indian government spokesman described reports of a pending Indian test as "purely speculative with no basis in fact."

The Statesman newspaper said in a report from Washington however, that U.S. intelligence agencies have been circulating a secret report among Washington officials contending that a test site was being prepared in India. According to the report, the digging had been observed of a nuclear test site in the Thar desert at Pokharan about 160 kms southeast of the Pakistan border. The newspaper said the U.S. intelligence report was presumably based on data from satellites such as the United States uses to watch Soviet nuclear activity.

The Statesman also said U.S. officials were intrigued by references made by Dr. Homi Sethna, chairman of India's Atomic Energy Commission, during recent talks in Washington. He said a peaceful nuclear explosion did not represent a test of weapons, but was for such large-scale engineering projects, as dams and water diversions, the Statesman reported.

Dr. Sethna and Eric Gonsalvez, secretary of the Indian external affairs ministry, went to Washing-

ton two weeks ago for talks with U.S. officials on an agreement under which the United States supplies low enriched uranium for India's Tarapur atomic power station near Bombay.

India has complained about delays in supplies of the fuel and Indian External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao revealed in parliament here last week that the two countries are now studying how to terminate the 30-year agreement. He said the only thing that could save the 1963 agreement was an amendment to present U.S. legislation.

The 1968 U.S. Nuclear Nonproliferation Act prohibits the United States from supplying nuclear fuel or equipment to countries like India which are not parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty or do not accept international safeguard in all nuclear installations.

If the 1963 agreement breaks down India will be free to start using a plant at Tarapur to reprocess the spent U.S. fuel which India claims as its property. Informed sources said that further talks on the agreement will be held between Indian and U.S. officials in Delhi later this month.

The nuclear debate is also taking place at a time of mounting Indian criticism of U.S. plans to rearm Pakistan. Mrs. Gandhi said last week: "We had never complained as to why Pakistan was being armed. Our only worry was that such arms supply is creating a situation where everybody was drifting toward a war." (R)

Letter to the editor

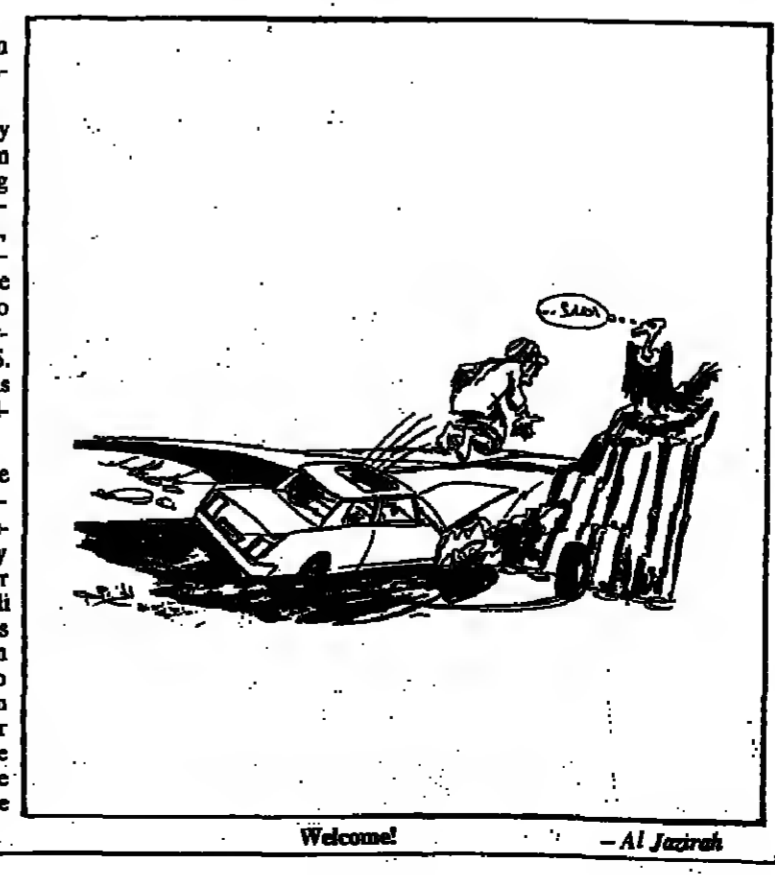
Dear Sir, On page ten of your April 28th issue, I observed that the picture of a power plant — which looks in every detail like a beautifully executed hydroelectric power plant is captioned, "Nuclear Plant In Spain". It appears to be an error, since none of the tell-tale structures of a nuclear plant are visible. For the readers who value your accuracy, a clarification may be educational.

Yours truly, Mishah-Ul-Ha Ansari

EDITOR'S NOTE: Your interest in accurate information is very much appreciated. I was almost convinced by your argument. By the time your letter was being edited, another letter was received from the plant's contractor, the text of which follows:

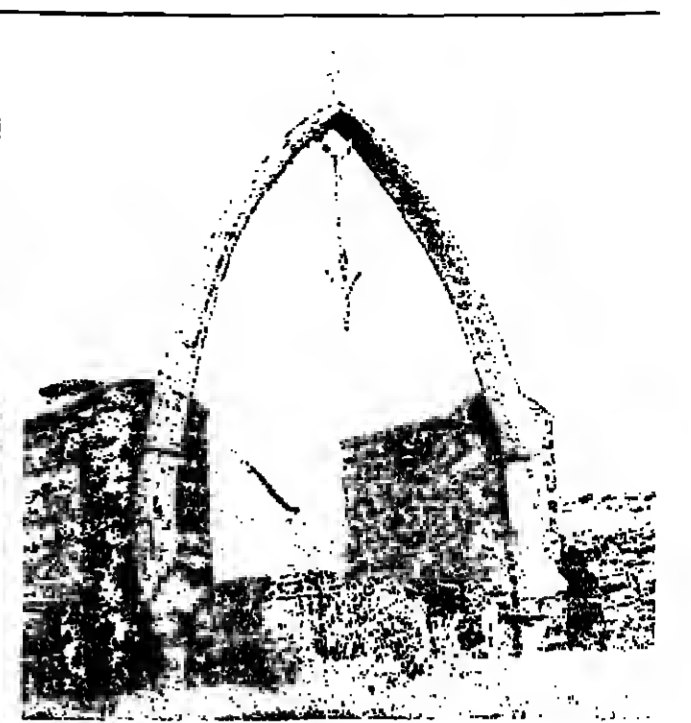
"Dear Sir, "I read with great interest the comment and picture that appeared on page ten in Arab News April 28. This letter is to inform you that H.B. Zachry Company, (International) built Spain's first nuclear power plant. Work started in 1963, Zorita plant, Guadalajara Province near Madrid. The capacity of the plant was 160MWE and was built under a total construction management contract.

Yours very truly Richard Chang Administrative Manager H.B. Zachry Company, (International) P.O. Box 9184 Riyadh



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PLAYFUL: Killer whales can be playful too, left; looking into a killer whale's mouth is not advisable, second from left; large-scale whaling threatens many species' survival, third from left; and the people of Lewis in the Hebrides have found an odd use for a whale's jawbone, right.

Mighty creature of the sea

The whale population dwindling

By A. L. Harris

The whale is one of the most fascinating creatures on this planet. Few people have ever seen one — except in zoos — and even modern science has not been able to explain all the mysteries of these king-size seafaring animals.

Unfortunately, many species have been ravaged by commercial exploitation almost to the point of extinction. Mankind has ever been avaricious for blubber, oil, wax, ivory and ambergris. Its flesh has been used for animal and human food and the by-products from its body range from industrial lubricants to perfumes, cosmetics and ornaments.

Whale hunting has been going on since prehistoric times. At first, there was no larger to the species as the instruments of death were primitive and killing was only for the immediate needs of people in the polar regions. With the advent of the harpoon and ocean going vessels the destruction became more efficient and more commercial. In almost every case the discovery of new whaling grounds has led to the virtual disappearance of the indigenous whales.

The blue whale, the mammoth of the family, has probably suffered most in recent years. From an estimated 100,000 in the 1950s, the population is now down to about 1,000. There is now a world wide ban on killing the blue whale, but as it is a slow breeder — calving once every two years — it is still too early to say whether the rescue operation will work. The humpback, grey and right whales are also completely protected, although there are still some pirate whalers at sea.

The sperm whale has been another major target for hunters. The attraction was the huge deposit of wax in its giant head — providing as much as 2,300 liters of excellent lubricant, the best there was until the development of mineral oils.

The sperm also produces ambergris, much sought after for medicines and perfume. It has an awful smell when "fresh", which is tardily surprising as it is part of the whale's

intestinal waste. Ambergris is usually found in small quantities, a few grains at a time, but in 1953 a mind-boggling 413kg was found in a whale caught in the Antarctic and was sold for approximately £154 per kilo. The killer whale lives up to its name by always hunting in packs and often attacking larger, less mobile whales in the hunt for food. About 9.5 meters long, small on the whale scale, killers, have powerful jaws and rows of savage teeth.

One of the strangest incidents involving these whales occurred over a period of about 80 years beginning in the first half of the last century. One killer, Old Tom, returned year after year, until 1930, to a small beach in Australia's New South Wales. With two other killers it would locate a humpback or fin whale, and then kill it, eating some of the carcass and leaving the rest to local fishermen.

The uncanny thing was that Old Tom and his confederates would not begin operations until local fishermen rowed out into the bay to join them. When Old Tom died, his body was washed up on to the same beach in the little town of Eden and his skeleton is on show in the local museum.

Whatever the differences between the various species, all whales have two things in common — they have a fantastically accurate built-in hi-fi acoustic system and they migrate enormous distances. The echolocation system, which allows for long distance communication with each other, also helps the blue whale and others find the shoals of krill on which they feed, eating vast quantities of the small shrimp-like crustaceans.

Whales hold the record for seasonal migration. Some species, the baleens, travel up to 20,000 km between polar and temperate zones in search of food and warmer water for calving. In the winter some grey whales from the Arctic go as far as Korea to breed but most are content with the comparatively short trip to the sea off the west coast of California and Mexico, a round trip to 10,000 km in 90 days.

All whales are mammals — they are warm

blooded, have lungs, give birth to live calves and suckle their young — and they are divided into two main groups; baleen and toothed whales, which include dolphins and porpoises.

Baleen whales have no teeth. Instead they have plates of whalebones of various sizes, the largest being the right whale's four meter plates (about 350 of just one side of the upper jaw). They help shovel in and sieve the krill in huge quantities. It is not uncommon for a blue whale to have as much as two tons of krill in his stomach at one time.

Baleen, or whalebone whales, are the biggest of the species and the biggest of them all is the famous blue whale, which is the largest creature ever to inhabit the earth, dwarfing the huge prehistoric dinosaurs. The largest are about 30 meters long (10 cars end-to-end) and the adult male weighs as much as 1665 tons, which is equivalent to 30 elephants or 1,600 men. Even calves are about seven meters long at birth. The blue's tongue is the size of an elephant and its main arteries are big enough for a child to crawl up.

Humpbacks, also baleen krill-eaters, are comparatively small, about half the size of blue whales. They are round and ungainly, and the name probably comes from the habit of arching their backs just before diving. They are well known for their carousing: rolling over and over in the water, slapping each other with their big flippers, which are about a third of the body length and making a terrible noise. It is estimated that there are only about 6,000 humpbacks left out of an original population of 105,000.

Another baleen decimated by man is the right whale, so called because it was thought to be the "right" whale to catch. It is slow, ponderous and, because of its buoyancy, easy to transport when harpooned. Only about 4,000 are left (a decline of 97 per cent).

The "big head" sperm whale, its head is about a third of its 18 meters length, is a toothed whale. Not for him the dainty krill but squid and cuttlefish — preferably by the



INTRODUCTION: Bill Lacinak, a whale-trainer at the famous Sea World in Florida, seen introducing his son 4-year-old Philip Lacinak to a killer whale.

hundred. Most squid are about a metre long but in 1955 a giant squid, about a meter long but in 1955 a giant squid, about 10.3m long and weighing 182kg, was found in a 14 meter sperm whale.

In the search for food the sperm whale can dive 1,100 meters below the surface: a mammalian world record. It dives vertically

and can submerge for as long as an hour before being forced up for a breather, which can be as short as ten minutes. The spout of water from a whale's blow hole (nostril) is simply a matter of it clearing out its lungs when it surfaces.

All whales have a special family feeling —

any sick or wounded member of a herd will be assisted by others, even of a different species.

The whale is an attractive and vital part of the ecology of the sea it should be protected from those who would destroy it for monetary gain (Courtesy of Ahtan Wasallan)

Rats - Egypt's nagging problem

By Jonathan Wright

ZAGAZIG, Egypt (R) — Egypt has declared war on millions of brown rats attacking the fertile farmlands of the Nile Delta.

Warning that a plague of rats was approaching emergency proportions, agriculture officials began spreading tons of pesticide across the lush plain that is Egypt's breadbasket. In the first three days of the campaign, they said 1.5 million rats were exterminated in just one province, Kalyoubia.

"But this is the tip of the iceberg," the Ministry of Agriculture's pest department reported. One official put the number of rats in the Delta at 240 million. An American rodent expert, Richard Pochet, called the situation very serious. Despite successive eradication campaigns, the rat population, which outnumbered people by more than 10 to one, was reaching new peaks each summer, Pochet said.

Although total agricultural production has not yet shown signs of decline, rats are devouring extra crops that reclaimed land and high-yield crop strains would normally be producing, he said. No statistics are available, but farmers in the area around this rat-infested mud brick town in Northern Egypt complain that rats are eating almost everything. The farmers grow wheat, maize, rice, cotton, broad-beans, sugar cane and horsebean (a clover that is the Egyptian peasant's main source of fodder).

The rats here are easy to spot even in broad daylight. "There are too many to hide," lamented a farmer. Pochet, who works with the U.S. Agency for International Development, says the main reason for the rising number of rats is the gradual extinction of their natural enemies — mongooses, kites, hawks and other birds of prey. The predators have either lost their habitats to humans or been killed by insecticides.

"The conditions for breeding are excellent.

The Egyptian winter is too mild to kill off the bulk of the rodent population, as it would do in Western Europe for example," Pochet said. A mature female rat, producing litters of four to 10 at intervals of 80 days, can have scores of descendants within a year and the young reach maturity six months after birth.

The rats began moving into Zagazig in 1979. Since then officials have launched two unsuccessful extermination campaigns. First, they sold zinc phosphide on credit. The poison is cheap and effective, but the rats learned to avoid it. Farmers also worried that it would kill children and livestock. Last July, when the rat population reached its annual peak, the local governorate offered a reward for every rat killed.

Dr. Abdul-Latif Issa, head of the pest control department, stopped the campaign after two days. "It was completely misguided. We did not want people to touch them in case of disease," he said.

So far there has been no evidence that the brown rats have brought disease to the Delta. "It is a fear we live with," a Zagazig doctor said.

Meanwhile, debate continues over the most effective way to catch the rats. The current campaign is using pesticide imported from Switzerland, Britain and West Germany.

The Agriculture Ministry in Cairo says the \$7 million, budgeted for the campaign, will be exhausted by July and is asking the government for another \$14 million to sustain the war on rats.

Pochet says more emphasis should be put on mechanical means of extermination, such as trapping and flooding burrows. "These can still be effective," he said.

In Zagazig, the farmers continue to put their faith in the oldest means of rat-catching — cats. Cats with a reputation as good rat-hunters have become prized pets here and are changing hands at \$3.50.

'People who sleep for eight hours are slow in action'

By a Medical Correspondent

When the United States Army Medical Research Command tried to discover the relation between sleep and efficiency, it found that people who sleep for eight hours tend to be creative but slow in their actions

and unable to keep a job going for long. They appear to dream more and to carry over their dreams into everyday life.

Professor Wilse Webb of the University of Florida's psychology department, says there are more six to seven-hour sleepers than 20 years ago. This applies to children too. Com-

pared with children in 1917, kids of the eighties sleep 90 minutes less a night. Sleep requirements are expected to go on decreasing. But there is a limit of about five hours beyond which it is not safe to go.

ABSENTEEISM: Doctors studying absenteeism through sickness have come up with a

bit of ammunition for lordly male types. About one fourth of absences last only one day, one fourth last two to three days, one fourth four to seven days, one fourth more than a week.

More than half the absences were caused by respiratory diseases and digestive troubles. Salaried employees are absent more than management and people paid hourly. And men can now point out that women are absent more often and remain away longer.

THE WAY TO IMPROVE VOICE: Finding the best pitch for your voice is important. It can make you feel better. Reading aloud helps add texture and depth. You begin to acquire a musical quality that will carry over to your everyday voice.

According to psychoanalysts, humming is an excellent way to improve the quality of your voice. One says: "Hum when you are under tension. Your voice will be better for it and you will feel better. Improved breathing will help you co-ordinate voices and emotions. When you are irritated, take a breath before you speak. Your anger may have resolved itself before you have exhaled."

BIG COLLECTION OF HEADS: Don't talk to researchers and students at the University of the Pacific's school of dentistry in San Francisco about heads — they have 1,400 skulls, which, they claim, is the largest collection of its kind in the world.

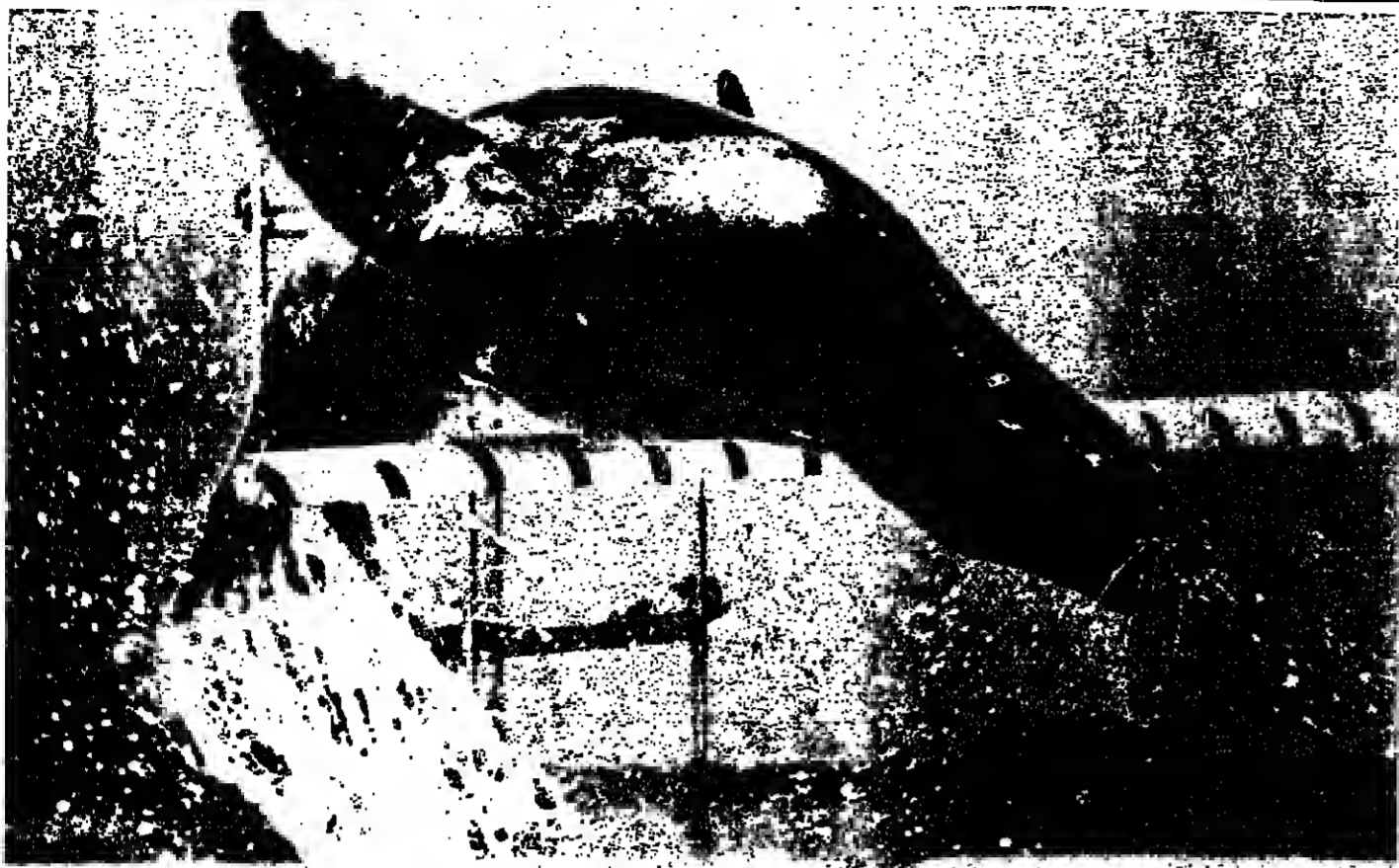
They are carefully preserved and over the full range from premature babies to really old men. Why does this group of American dental experts want so many skulls? Curator Dar Fred West explained: "Because they show you in three dimensions the way teeth develop in the mouth."

Among the samples: A man whose jaw was broken so it could not be moved from side to side, and a child's which clearly shows he was a thumbsucker because of the way in which the teeth are pushed up. Researchers from all over the world perform experiments on the skulls, which are said to be worth £50,000.



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PERFORMER: With the skill of a champion athlete, 'SID' the sea lion clears a hurdle with inches to spare. SID is a star performer at an aquarium in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he has been under study by marine life scientists.



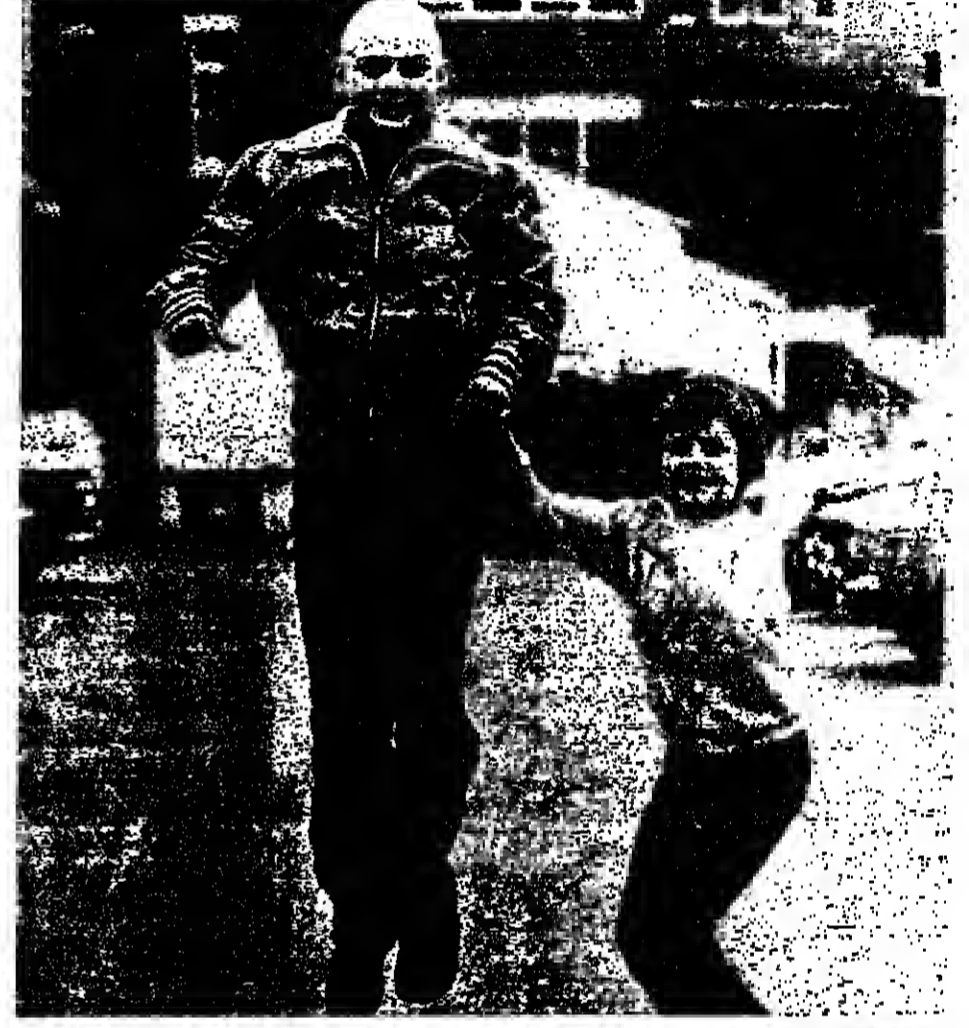
ENCOUNTER: This friendly llama evidently has a liking for sweet things and little girls. He is undoubtedly saying, "Let's have a lick of your jelly." The touching encounter is spotted at a zoo in Lancashire, England.



REMARKABLE: Standing at attention balancing a ball on the tip of its nose earns full marks for this remarkable sea lion. His trainer, Captain Kirkbride, says it is a rare thing to get a sea lion to perform with such perfection. The act seen taking place at the San Diego Zoo, California.



GAME GUNS: The English gunmaking firm of W & C Scott, established in 1834, has introduced two new ranges of game guns, the "Chatsworth Grande Loto", and the "Bowood De Luxe". Handbuilt by skilled craftsmen, they possess a unique balance and finish.



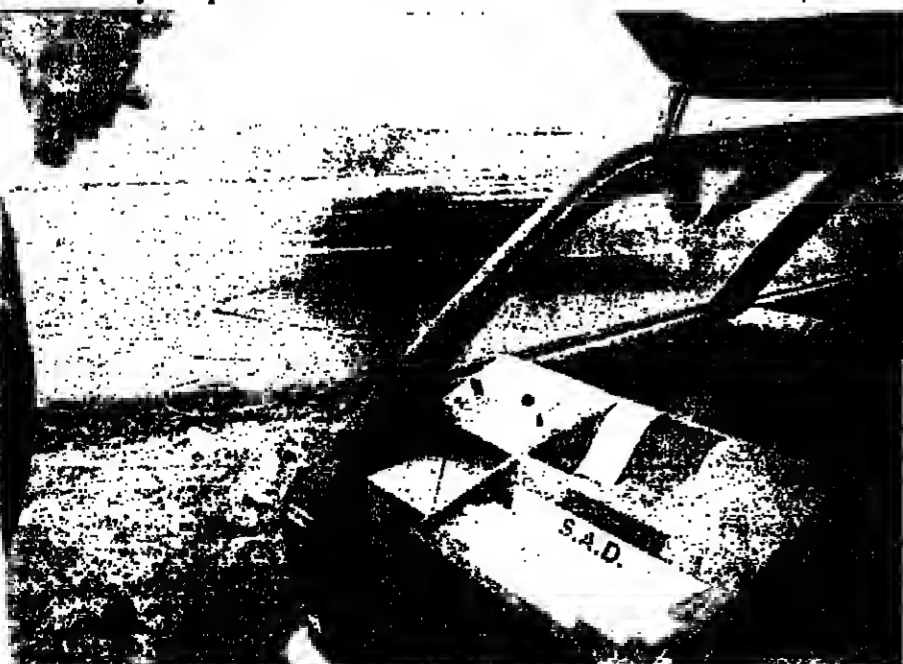
NEW LIFE: Terry (left), 12, who became ill last November with bone marrow disease, was saved by his brother, Stephen. Bone Marrow was taken out from Stephen's pelvis and injected into Terry. They are seen here playing.



TECHNICAL PROGRESS: Seen here is a graphic illustration of man's technical progress on our planet. Hovering high over the famous ancient pyramids of El Giza on the outskirts of Cairo, is a flight of modern helicopters. The spectacle marks a contrast in technologies over 5000 years apart.



AWARD WINNERS: The little Sussex village of Flinches, England, now boasts four grand national winners, in horse racing. Seen here are two award-winning horses brought together by their trainers.



DEVICE: This microcomputer-based device could tell a traffic policeman just how well you are driving your car. It comprises two rubber sensor hoses laid across the road, and when a car passes over the hoses the change in pressure is converted into electronic signals which are passed to the microcomputer.



STATUE: It is so cold in Zurich that even the head of this bronze statue is suffering. Taken by a Swiss cameraman, the picture can aptly be called "Gesundheit!"



PLAYMATE: Baby orangutan Rawat (left), rejected by its parents at the Artis Zoo in Amsterdam, has a new playmate, Tjenda (right) who also suffered a similar fate at the Wassenaar's Zoo, near The Hague. Put together at the zoo, they seem to be doing fine.

Handwritten Arabic text: "الله اعلم" (Allah knows best)

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From Communists

Mitterrand receives only partial backing

PARIS, May 3 (AFP) — French Communist Party support to Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand over President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's presidential election runoff is rather moderate and not without criticism of his party.

One week after the Communist central committee decided to rally its supporters behind Mitterrand, they have joined in his campaign but by no means with the same total commitment as in the 1974 presidential elections fought by the same two political rivals.

Mitterrand was then the candidate of the first union of Socialists, Communists and radicals. The Communists' major material support has been to distribute eight million copies of their central committee resolution supporting Mitterrand.

This decision has caused much debate within the party between those who favor this support, and those who are opposed. Communist leaders plan only 11 major rallies to support Mitterrand this week, and nobody in Paris is by any means the maximum effort

Crippled woman gets \$9m award

CHICAGO, May 3 (R) — A 46-year-old woman who went into hospital for cosmetic nose surgery and emerged a cripple was awarded \$9 million damages in court Saturday. A jury of six men and six women awarded the largest personal injury damages in Illinois state history to Mrs. Eileen Tannebaum who sued Chicago's Northwest Hospital after her brain was deprived of oxygen during the 975 operation.

Mrs. Tannebaum lay flat on her back in court. Although no longer able to speak, she could make weak sounds that were interpreted to the jury. At one point during the 57-day hearing, Mrs. Tannebaum was asked what she wanted in the future. With the aid of a sound device and therapist she replied, "stop pain."

Czech pilot seeks asylum in Austria

VIENNA, May 3 (AFP) — A Czechoslovak pilot at a cooperative farm took the lective's airplane Sunday and flew himself, wife and his son to the West where they requested political asylum. Austrian authorities said here. Václav Otáhal, 35, took from the farm, near his hometown of Jonin, about 30 kms north of the Austrian border, with his wife Vera, 24, and his son, seven.

They arrived at an old military airfield 20 km north of Vienna after a hedge-hopping of about 90 kms, and then asked Austrian authorities for asylum, the officials said.

of a party which has 720,000 card-carrying members, highly organized in 26,000 cells.

Communists who are doubtful about supporting Mitterrand have not been enlightened by reading their party daily *L'Humanité*, strangely enough more critical about Socialist Party views than about moves made by the capitalists.

Spain extends security alert

MADRID, May 3 (AFP) — Spanish military authorities have extended partial security alert, declared in the Madrid region last Thursday, for another three days, reliable sources said Sunday. The alert, in what some observers saw as increasing political restlessness in the country, covered the setting-up of rapid intervention units and the suspension of leave for military sources.

Authorities Saturday continued questioning the alleged leader of an abortive military coup on Feb. 23, Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, in La Palma prison near the northwestern port city of La Coruna, the daily paper *Ya* said. This was seen as an attempt to speed up the inquiry in the face of restlessness in Spain, *Ya* said.

Waldheim due in Moscow today

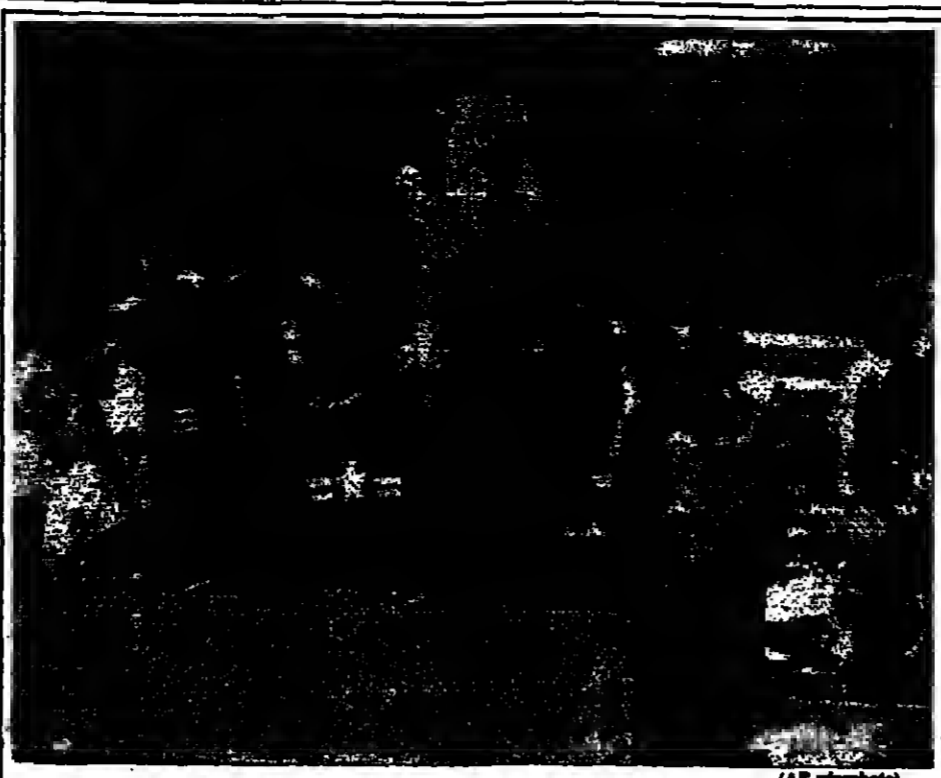
MOSCOW, May 3 (AFP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is due here Monday for talks with Soviet leaders on the international situation that are expected to range from disarmament through the war in Lebanon to Afghanistan.

Waldheim, who will be in Moscow until Thursday, is expected to meet President Leonid Brezhnev who will take the opportunity to detail further his proposals for United Nations action made at the 26th Communist Party congress in February.

Brezhnev suggested in particular that a special session of the Security Council be called "in order to seek, in the presence of the heads of state of member countries, the means to render healthy the international climate and prevent war."

In an interview Saturday with the official Soviet news agency Tass, Waldheim stressed, among other things, that Brezhnev's proposals, which emphasized "the need for international dialogue", merited "the most serious study."

The secretary-general added in the interview that he hoped his visit would "strengthen the efficacy of the U.N. — where the USSR plays a central role — to ward off the threat which weighs upon world peace and to create a more stable international climate."



TOKYO PROTEST: May Day marchers in Tokyo take out a float of American nuclear submarine *George Washington* carrying dummies of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki. The Japanese banner says "we will not accept political settlement of the hit-and-run incident by the U.S. sub." The U.S. and Japanese leaders are scheduled to meet in Washington next week.

Indira begins tour Tuesday

NEW DELHI, May 3 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi leaves here Tuesday on her third trip abroad since her return to power last year, taking her to Switzerland, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

In Switzerland, Mrs. Gandhi will address the general assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO), which has its southeast Asian headquarters in New Delhi. In the two Gulf states she will be returning visits made to India by the respective rulers of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, last September, and of the UAE, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, in January 1975.

India, which has never established diplomatic relations with Israel and has 80 million Muslim in its population, has always had good relations with Arab states. The 80,000 Indians working in Kuwait and 250,000 in the UAE make an essential contribution to the Indian economy by sending back their earnings in hard currency. The two Gulf states provided India with more than 3.5 million of the 15.7 million tons of oil imported last year, and Mrs. Gandhi is expected to ask for an increase in shipments.

Mrs. Gandhi will be traveling in an aircraft prepared under strict security precautions following the sabotage of her original plane, reported to parliament last Monday. The two Air-India officials responsible for aircraft maintenance have been dismissed and four suspects arrested following the discovery that four control cables had been severed on the Boeing 707.

Mrs. Gandhi's itinerary takes her on from Switzerland to Kuwait on May 9 and to Abu Dhabi on May 11. She returns to India from Dubai on May 13.

Meanwhile, India's opposition Janata (people's) Party has adopted a resolution urging Mrs. Gandhi's government to launch an atomic weapons program to "defend its security and integrity."

The resolution was passed despite vehement opposition by former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who headed the 1977-79 Janata government. Desai, 85, told the party's executive committee, meeting in the southern city of Bangalore Saturday that India should not make an atom bomb "even if the whole world goes nuclear."

Krishan Kant, a leftist member of the party who moved the resolution, said that "only a strong nuclear India can establish peace and security" in south Asia. India, which detonated a nuclear device in May 1974, in the northwestern Thar desert, has steadfastly maintained that its program is aimed at peaceful uses of atomic energy.

In unrelated developments, three persons were killed Saturday when police opened fire to quell large-scale rioting and arson at Patna and Bardoli towns while another person died in continuing riots in Nalanda region, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

At Bardoli, in the western Indian state of Gujarat, authorities proclaimed a curfew after a man and a woman were killed by police fire during a general strike in the town. The strike was called to protest alleged police harassment of a local diamond dealer, the agency said.

Phnom Penh rulers voted to assembly

BANGKOK, May 3 (Agencies) — Leaders of the two-year-old Phnom Penh regime who ran in general elections Friday were voted to the National Assembly with a great majority, the Cambodian news agency SPK said in a report monitored here Sunday.

According to SPK, President Heng Samrin, Vice President Penn Sovann, strongman of the Vietnamese-backed leadership, and Information Minister Keo Chanda were among those who won about 98 per cent of the votes cast in the constituency of Phnom Penh. The report, confined to results from the Cambodian capital, said 12 others won "more than 95 per cent" of the votes.

In the first general elections, since the Heng Samrin regime came into power in January 1979, Cambodian voters went to the polls to elect 117 National Assembly members from 148 candidates fielded.

The elections denounced as a farce by Kampuchea's non-Communist neighbors, appeared to have taken place peacefully. The elections were held as the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh government, still fighting an estimated 40,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas, sought to show that it had consolidated its political power.

Meanwhile, Cambodian Foreign Minister Hun Sen Saturday held talks in Phnom Penh with a special envoy of United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, SPK reported Sunday.

In Ottawa, Thai Foreign Minister Sitti Sawetasilas said Saturday that a Cambodian peace conference might be held in Vienna in July.

Indian film star dies

NEW DELHI, May 3 (AFP) — One of India's most celebrated film actresses, Narigi Dutt, died of cancer in a Bombay hospital early Sunday the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Mrs. Dutt, 51, a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha (upper house of parliament), was an ardent supporter of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The actress, who is survived by her actor-director husband Sundil Dutt, two daughters and a son, underwent surgery and prolonged treatment in New York last year.

Lifesaving drugs plant planned in orbit by 1987

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, May 3 (R) — Space factories could be floating around the earth by the end of the 1980s producing lifesaving drugs. That is the hope of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and aerospace engineers McDonnell Douglas, working together on a pioneering project they believe will reap the benefits of space age technology for mankind.

The American space shuttle *Columbia* is the key to the project, which would lead the way in the industrialization of space. If all goes well with the shuttle, following its successful maiden space mission, it will carry an experimental processing device into orbit next year.

Scientists at McDonnell Douglas believe that space, with zero gravity, is highly conducive to electrical separation of biological products — a process known as continuous-flow electrophoresis. Jim Rose, the project manager at McDonnell Douglas headquarters in St. Louis, thinks electrophoresis will work at least 500 times more efficiently in space than on the ground.

"Now it's a question of testing our theory and validating the technology," he says. If the space experiments come up to expectations, they could signify an important breakthrough in the fight against cancer, strokes, heart disease, diabetes and hemophilia.

McDonnell Douglas engineers have already built an electrophoresis unit that Rose says is six times better than any other currently known biological separation device. Now they are making a more compact unit, measuring five feet (1.5 meters) long, two feet (.61 meters) wide and weighing 500 pounds, to go aloft in the shuttle. Rose hopes to send the unit into space on the fourth shuttle flight, scheduled for April 1982. It will be installed in the crew quarters in the nose of the spacecraft and operated by the astronauts.

Experiments will continue on later shuttle flights and McDonnell Douglas hopes to have a prototype of the first space factory ready to test by early 1985. It will be fully automated and carried in the shuttle's huge payload bay. The first commercial factory could be in orbit as early as 1987, Rose says.

Rose sees tremendous potential for processing biological material in space but is coy about precisely what the first space-derived drug might be — a "trade secret" he says. All he would reveal was that "it is a hormone that is very valuable, that is not available today, and that could probably be used to treat more than a million people annually."

Generally speaking, Rose says, electrophoresis could be used to separate biological material such as hormones, enzymes, proteins and blood cells produced by the human body. Among possible products is the much-sought cancer-fighting hormone interferon. Another possibility, giving hope to diabetics, is beta cells that produce insulin. For hemophiliacs, it could be the special enzyme factor VIII they need to make their blood clot and stay alive.

Still another possibility is producing the

pituitary hormone to overcome stunted growth. Rose says NASA is particularly interested in the enzyme urokinase, produced by kidney cells. This dissolves blood clots and could have great potential in fighting strokes, thrombosis and heart attacks. "There are literally hundreds of drugs that could be made in space," he adds.

So that NASA will provide space on shuttle flights free, McDonnell Douglas will in turn carry out various research experiments for the federal government agency. For the drug factories and other such commercial ventures in space to become a reality, they will need a power plant.

NASA is hoping to persuade Congress to apportion funds to put a power plant in space, generating solar energy. McDonnell Douglas will not disclose its financial investment in the project. "It runs in the millions and it's a high-risk venture but we think the potential payoff is there," says Rose. He foresees 10 or 15 factories in space, and possibly more as new products are developed.

Chinese play denied lights

PEKING, May 3 (AP) — A local Chinese dramatic company staging a play about a corrupt power company worker has to perform without lights. The power company turns off its electricity in protest during every performance, the *People's Daily* reported Saturday.

The Communist Party newspaper said the play, staged in a county in Shanxi province, is about a power company worker who takes advantage of his job to extract bribes, but eventually sees the error of his ways. The local power company complained that the play exaggerated unsavory practices by power company workers, and demanded some revisions, the paper added. But even after revisions to include praise for power company workers, the power company still blacked out every performance, the *People's Daily* said.

Soviet gift planes leave for Zimbabwe

NAIROBI, May 3 (AFP) — Two Soviet military transport planes, which were reportedly impounded for violating Kenyan airspace, left here Saturday for Zimbabwe, their original destination, *The Nairobi Times* weekly newspaper said here Sunday.

The weekly, quoting informed government sources, said that the two-propeller Antonov AH26 planes, which landed at the Jomo Kenyatta Airport last Thursday, were gifts to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government from the Soviet Union.

The planes had landed here with the full knowledge of the Kenyan government.



PLANE HARVEST: A garden of some 1,500 walking sticks at the rear of the hotel Ous Krijtland in the small town of Epen in Holland's southern Limburg province. The owners don't expect the sticks to grow, of course; they are given free to all visitors to the hotel to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Prince Charles calls for return to traditional values

WILMINGTON, Virginia May 3 (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles, speaking at the age of William and Mary, has called for a reversion to traditional values and a return to the traditional values behind centuries of Anglo-American friendship. Prince Charles, 31, was speaking only a few days from Yorktown where the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781 assured America's independence from English rule. Charles said the common heritage lives on and will light the way to the future.

"So far as Virginia is concerned, there will always be an England," responded Governor John Dalton. Virginia was England's first colony in America.

Charles drew applause, smiles and laughter throughout his address, as well as standing ovations at its close and as he was invested as an honorary fellow of William and Mary, which was founded by his ancestors and is the second oldest university in the United States.

Charles spoke of the 18th century "community of learning," noting that "it seems that we have gradually become more and more narrow-minded, more nationalistic and less understanding, perhaps, toward the needs of the individual human being" since that era. The prince also apologized for turning down an invitation to speak at the college last year.

"I thought it would be more appropriate if I came this year because I discovered that 1981 was the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown, and I felt that in my capacity as colonel of the Welsh Guards you would like to have a genuine redcoat in your midst," he said.

Charles also brought an outburst of laughter when he referred to his ancestors William of Orange and Princess Mary of England, who were the joint rulers of the British empire when Williamsburg became the colonies' capital and the university here was founded under their charter in the 17th century.

A large advertisement for Toyota Cressida. The main text reads "A TOYOTA CRESSIDA CAN MAKE YOU A MILLIONAIRE". There are several handwritten numbers and scribbles over the advertisement, including "638", "639", "100", and "17".

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Japan-U.S. pact echo

EEC under pressure to curb car imports

PARIS, May 3 (AFP) — European auto manufacturers are to try and obtain Japanese import restraints similar to those Japan agreed with the United States Friday, trade sources said this weekend.

The bid, to persuade Japanese authorities to treat the European market in a comparable way, will be made in talks over the next weeks. Japan's agreement with the United States amounts to a vital preliminary step to the talks between Japan and the European Economic Community (EEC), a source close to the committee of EEC auto manufacturers said.

Under the arrangement made by the Japanese government with the United States, Japan will limit to 1.68 million the number of cars exported to the U.S. during the 12 months from April 1 this year.

For the following year the 1.68 million will be maintained plus 16.5 per cent of any increase in the U.S. market. For the third year, the restraint — attacked by leading Japanese manufacturers — will be "studied." The EEC Commission said Saturday it had Japanese and American officials to be full account of European interests, and to ask urgently for clarification of Friday's deal so it could study the effect on world trade.

Trade sources said Japan wanted to settle disputes with the U.S. first as its share of the American market reached 21 per cent in 1980 — double its penetration of the EEC.

Taipei acts to end counterfeit trademarks

TAIPEI, May 3 (CNA) — In order to protect consumers and Taipei's international reputation, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA) recently adopted a set of measures to prevent the counterfeit trademarks of false certificates of origin.

The measures stipulate that exporters of products with domestic trademarks must have proof of authorization from the trademark owners and copies of the trademark identification.

Exporters of products with foreign trademarks should present the Board of Foreign Trade with identification from the years proving that the trademark is being used under the authorization.

Exporters of products for which the trademarks are neither registered here nor in foreign countries should have a guarantee that the trademarks have not yet been registered.

Export products should be labeled with the production place and country on the external dinner packages of the product and on the product itself. Labels are not required on unfinished products such as parts, components, and materials.

Exporters, who for special reasons, must port products without labels stating the production country, must register beforehand with the concerned authorities.

community market

Last year, Japanese firms exported 1.82 million vehicles to the U.S. compared with 782,000 to ten EEC countries.

European manufacturers fear that before their talks with the Japanese at the end of May or beginning of June — probably in Paris — they will be hit by an increase in the Japanese sales effort.

Japanese car sales are limited to 2.9 per cent of the new car market in France and are severely restricted in Italy, but totalled 10.3 per cent of the market in West Germany last year, 11.9 per cent in Britain, and around 25 per cent in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Members of the community have so far failed to agree a joint strategy to deal with the Japanese sales offensive, largely because West Germany opposes any protectionist measures. Even community manufacturers are in disagreement, with some criticizing British Leyland, Alfa Romeo and Volkswagen for signing agreements on manufacture with Japanese companies.

It was learnt in Tokyo Friday that Volkswagen has reached a preliminary agreement with Nissan, the second biggest Japanese auto maker, on the joint production of the Passat model in Japan from 1983. To begin with, between 4,000 and 5,000 cars a year will be manufactured. Sources in the European industry argue that some action to limit Japanese sales drive is now vital, given the difficulties of the community's industry. They cite, for example, the fact that the Italian Fiat firm is to lay off 68,000 workers for two weeks.

The sources suggested that if Japan does not agree to restrain its car exports to the community, some EEC countries might be tempted to follow the French line and apply strict import limits.

Suzuki leaves for U.S. today

TOKYO, May 3 (AFP) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki will leave here for Washington Monday for five-day talks with President Ronald Reagan on defense and international issues, and later will proceed to Ottawa to meet Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

He will see Reagan Thursday and Friday, along with other senior U.S. officials, and Trudeau Saturday. He returns here Sunday.

The main theme of his talks in Washington will be defense matters now that the thorny question of Japanese exports to the U.S. was solved last Friday following an accord to limit car exports provisionally and voluntarily, according to diplomatic sources here.

Washington has recently increased its requests to Tokyo to boost Japan's national defense forces so that the country can take a larger share in defending the "free world."

Japan, whose constitution rules out war, spends \$11,400 million — only 0.9 per cent of its total national budget — on its "self-defense forces" and the U.S. wants this figure increased as soon as possible to more than

Kuwait seeks probe into ship's seizure

BAHRAIN, May 3 (R) — Kuwait has demanded an inquiry into the seizure last week by Iran of a Panamanian-registered oil survey ship working at the head of the Gulf, the Iranian ambassador to Kuwait, Ali Shams Ardakani, said Sunday.

He told Reuters by telephone from Kuwait that the Kuwaitis had said the ship had been ordered to sail to an Iranian port, which he understood to be Bushire, last Thursday.

Dr. Shams said his government had told Kuwait that the ship, *The Jobara Sea*, had entered waters at the head of the Gulf designated a war zone by Iran and Iraq at the start of the Gulf war last September.

He said the survey ship was working for a Kuwaiti company and had been previously warned not to operate in the area. Dr. Shams said. He understood the crew of the ship were in good health he had no further details.

Iran explains oil policy

ALGIERS, May 3 (R) — Iran's acting Oil Minister Hassan Essadat was Sunday quoted as saying that his country's oil output depended on its internal consumption and economic development needs.

"We produce oil in order to meet our internal consumption and to cover our development needs. Therefore, we export at levels we regard as necessary, and this depends solely on our will," he told the Algerian daily *El Moudjahid*.

Essadat discussed the forthcoming OPEC meeting in Geneva later this month with Algerian Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi during a 48-hour visit here. He said that suggestions by Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani that prices should be cut down reflected "Yamani's personal view" as only OPEC was responsible for pricing.

one per cent.

Despite numerous assurances of their goodwill in this matter, Japanese leaders themselves have been reluctant to take the plunge, Suzuki, himself, in a press conference last Friday, reaffirmed that "our policy is to have power only for defensive purposes. We do make efforts to build a strong shield, but Japan cannot play the role of a spear that is to be thrust at other countries."

He continued: "Peace in the world cannot be secured by military means alone. Japan wishes to make positive contributions to peace through economic and technological cooperation." International cooperation will be the second main theme of his north American visit, especially the aspect of aid to the Third World, where Japan has also been urged to spend more.

Suzuki has hinted that Japan is determined to increase its aid to developing countries without any discrimination, unlike the U.S. Japan will not give aid along ideological lines but will do so in an attempt to lessen the gulf between North and South, he said.

Financial Roundup

Riyal deposit rates rule firm

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 3 — Local dealers reported some activity over Sunday when the European markets were shut. With London and New York also shut on Monday (May Day celebrations), dealers are still confident that the dollar will open strong. Some Bahrain banks were quoting European currency levels Sunday, but dealers said that quotes were "wide" with banks hedging on reversals. Local deposit rates were quoted at Saturday closing levels with little movement reported.

Bahrain markets reported that, unlike Saturday, Sunday saw an easing of demand for the dollar. Spot riyal fell from Saturday levels of 3.3625-35 to 3.3596 — 04 and 3.3600 — 10 levels. Covering of positions was given as the major reason for Saturday's activity. Bahrain, however, quoted dollar deposit rates at higher levels from European Friday closing. One-month dollar deposit are now quoted at 18 1/2 — 18 1/2 per cent with one year reaching 17 1/2 — 17 1/2 per cent — levels not reached since two

months. Riyal deposit rates were firm at 14 1/4 — 15 1/4 per cent levels and reached 14% — 15% by end of the day.

Week fixed money came at 14 per cent and some activity was reported in the short dates. One year riyal deposit has now reached 15% — 15 1/4 per cent levels and the riyal deposit curve is now looking like the familiar "yield curve" with funds coming in the longer tenors at higher cost over shorter tenors. This implies that those with available funds are hoping to maximise on longer tenors predicting that despite short-term riyal interest rate rises, rates will ease once the Hejira fiscal year is out of the way and government payments start flowing in again.

On the whole though, the local market has reacted very quietly this past week to the significant rises in both the dollar interest and exchange rates. This is different from previous occasions when at one stage the dollar counterpart, especially in the short dates. This happened last February with riyals being quoted at nearly 1/2 per cent over the dollar one-month rate when the latter were at 19 1/4 per cent levels.

Reagan's budget program faces easy passage

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AFP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan seemed headed for victory on his budget plan for fiscal year 1982, after getting crucial support from 29 members of the opposition Democratic Party, an American news agency reported.

Such defections are necessary for the passage of the budget as Reagan's Republican Party is in the minority in the U.S. House of Representatives. Meanwhile, just one member of the Republican Party was likely to oppose the budget, the party said. In addition, one Democratic representative is expected to resign Tuesday, reducing the Democrats' numerical strength by one more vote.

The agency's tally suggests that Reagan will get a narrow majority of two votes for the budget plan, although many representatives have not been willing to take a firm public stand on the issue.

The presidential program also received the unexpected support of Senator Robert Byrd, the influential Democratic minority leader in the U.S. Senate.

French oil company makes \$1.2b profit

PARIS, May 3 (AFP) — The French firm ELF-Aquitaine, one of Europe's leading oil companies, made a net profit of 6.3 billion francs (\$1.2 billion) in 1980 — an increase of nearly seven per cent on 1979, results published this weekend showed.

The dividend is up by 50 per cent, and the firm said the results reflected a measure of stability from one year to the next despite a serious worsening in the refining and distribution sector which made a loss of 605 million francs against a profit of 982 million in 1979.

Turnover of the ELF-Aquitaine group was higher by 37 per cent on 1979 at 76,700 million francs.

India woos Gulf investors

NEW DELHI, May 3 (AFP) — India has told Middle East countries not to be afraid that their investments in India will be nationalized, the English language daily *Patriot* reported here Sunday.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had assured investors from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that they need not be wary of investing in India because of such fears, it said.

She told correspondents accompanying the emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, who ended a four-day state visit to India last week that "We do not nationalize just for the sake of nationalization."

Nationalization would be used only if it was essential for the country's development, she said. Foreign companies have been wary of investing in India ever since the previous Janata Party government introduced legisla-

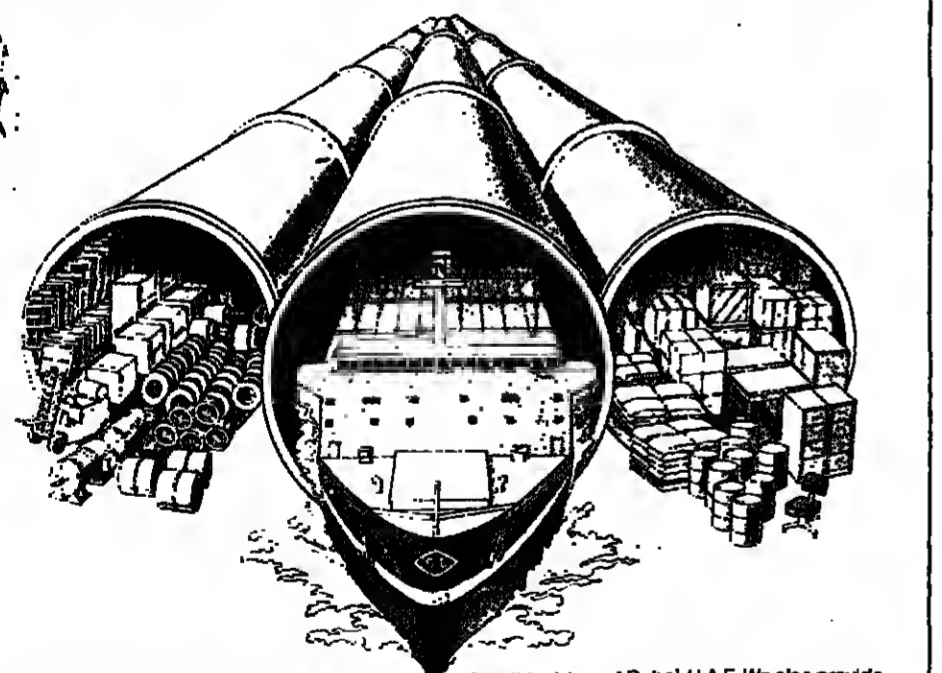
tion restricting the equity share of multinationals in the country, a move which caused Coca Cola and International Business Machines (IBM) to pull out.

Kuwait oil workers call off strike

KUWAIT, May 3 (AFP) — Employees of the Kuwait Oil Company Sunday ended a five-day-old strike following an agreement between Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Sabah and the company board and company union.

The strike demanded increased pay, housing, and payment of their fares between their home countries and Kuwait. The strike, the first since the company was nationalized seven years ago, had no effect on output.

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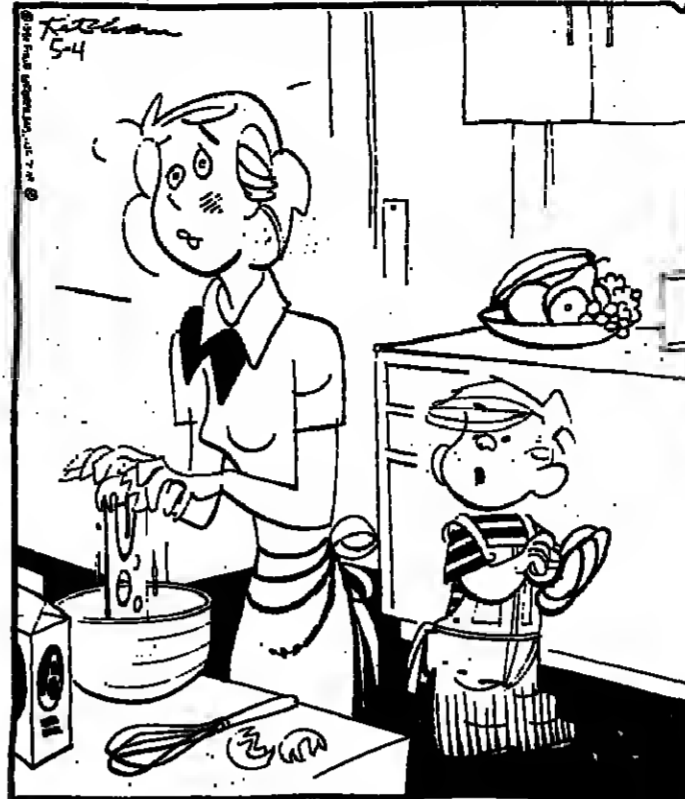
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6:03	Headlines To Health	Headlines To Health	12:00	News	News
6:22	Family Hour Festival	Family Hour Festival	12:30	VOA World Report	VOA World Report
7:19	Older Person's Shop	Older Person's Shop	1:00	News	News
7:46	WKRP in Cincinnati	WKRP in Cincinnati	1:30	World Today	World Today
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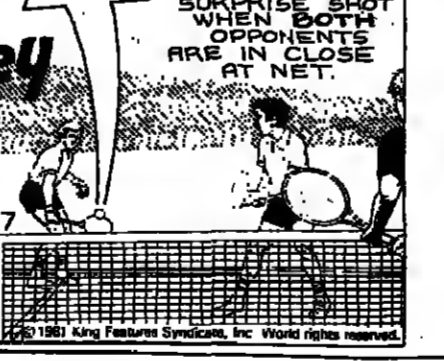
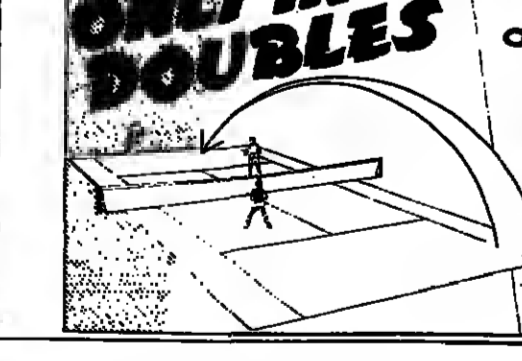
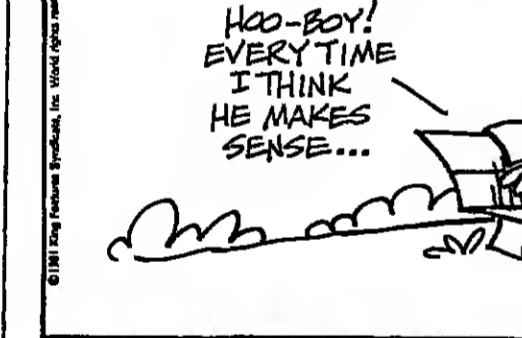
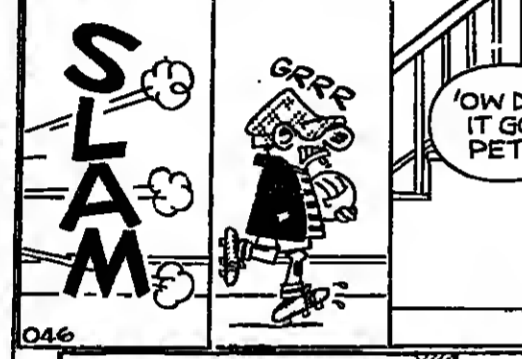
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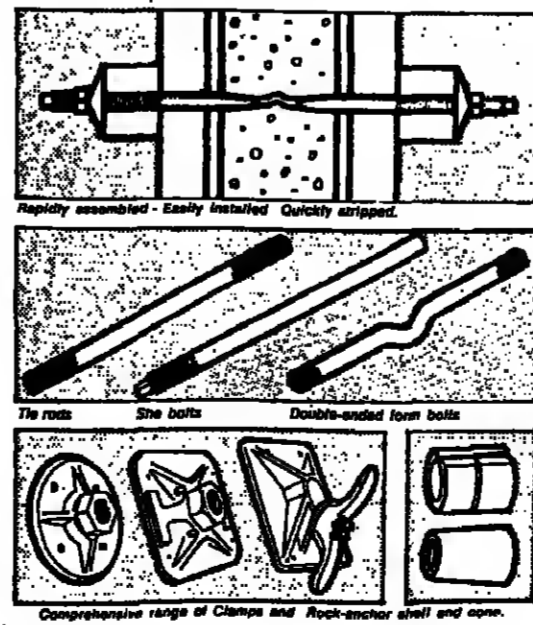
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Bobby Sands lapses into coma Troops brace for violence

BELFAST, May 3 (Agencies) — Convicted Irish Republican Army guerrilla Bobby Sands lapsed into a coma early Sunday on the 64th day of his hunger strike at Northern Ireland's Maze prison, IRA's political arm said. Britain's Northern Ireland Office however, refused to confirm the report. A spokesman said only that Sands' condition continued to deteriorate.
Sinn Fein, the outlawed IRA's political front, said the 27-year-old Sands slipped into a coma in the early hours Sunday and remained unconscious. Sinn Fein said in a statement that a room was set aside in the prison hospital for Sands' relatives. IRA reported late Saturday that Sands had completely lost his sight and all feeling on the right side of his body.
Sinn Fein said it received word that Sands had lapsed into a coma from Oliver Hughes, brother of fellow hunger striker Francis Hughes, 25, on the 50th day of his fast at the Maze. Hughes, who reported to be worsening fast, was visited by his brother Sunday. Sinn Fein said Sands' 26-year-old sister, Marcella

Kelly, also was at the prison and spoke with Hughes' brother.

Two other IRA activists also are on hunger strike at the Maze prison. The Northern Ireland Office said, "the condition of Sands and the three other hunger strikers continues to deteriorate." Sinn Fein's statement came as thousands of supporters of Sands prepared for protest marches throughout the province.

British Northern Ireland Minister Humphrey Atkins met police and British army chiefs in Belfast Saturday. He said they had assured him the security forces were capable of containing any outbreak of violence. The 11,000 British troops and 14,000 police and military reservists in Northern Ireland are braced for an expected outburst of violence if Sands dies.

Sands' mother, Mrs. Rosaleen Sands, 56, said last week that she had promised her son not to allow doctors to save his life if he lapsed into a coma. Doctors were reported constantly at the bedside of Sands, who was lying on a waterbed. "I think he is coming up to near the end," Mrs. Sands said before visiting her son Sunday. "I can't see how he can last much longer."

Sands' sister said, "it is heartbreaking to sit and hold his hand and look at his face." Sands, who was elected to the British parliament on April 9, was reported to have lost 56 pounds — to a skeletal 90 pounds — since he

began his hunger strike March 1.

He and the other Maze hunger strikers were attempting to force the British government to grant five demands, which the government said amounted to political status for jailed IRA guerrillas. The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has refused.

It was reported that the government had no immediate plans to move Sands to an outside hospital. "He would be far too weak to be moved anywhere," his sister said. "If he is moved he starts to vomit. His coordination has gone."

Sinn Fein said Sunday that some of 65 Republicans arrested a week ago had been released, though the British authorities refused to confirm the information. An anti-terrorist legislation allows suspects to be held for seven days without charge.

Brief but violent clashes erupted Saturday night at Belfast in the Catholic Divis area. A British photographer was wounded in the head by a plastic riot-control bullet. In London a demonstration in support of hunger striker Hughes was planned for later Sunday at Toomebridge, near his birthplace.

Toomebridge is an emotive place for Republicans. Roddy McCorley, an 18 century Irish rebel against British rule, was hanged there and his body was buried in the foundations of the bridge which spans the River Bann.

NATO allies urge talks with Soviets

ROME, May 3 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was urged by European allies Sunday to begin early exploratory talks with Moscow on limiting nuclear missiles. Foreign ministers of the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization met Haig in a series of private meetings to prepare for the yearly NATO conference starting Monday.

NATO's European members believe it has now become urgent to reopen U.S.-Soviet negotiations after a two-year standstill that has been marked by a sharp rise in East-West tensions. The Europeans were asking Haig to declare U.S. readiness to negotiate mutual limitations on European-based missiles and to set a reasonably timetable for preliminary discussions, senior diplomats said.

Haig had separate meetings with the foreign ministers attending the two-day session of the Atlantic Council. U.S. officials refused to say whether Haig would agree to a firm timetable, but senior European diplomats said they were confident he would announce U.S. readiness in principle to negotiate soon.

By the time Haig returns to Washington Tuesday, he will have had private meetings with all the foreign ministers of the 15-nation alliance.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Those readers who know nothing of the British way of life will remain unmoved by the news that I was able, last Sunday, to attend a football match. Those who do, however, will immediately polarize into two groups: those muttering about the end of civilization as we know it, and those cheering the beginning of the end for The British Sunday, an institution they tend to think symbolic of all that is cheerless, staid, enclosed, in life here.

Sunday football is very new. And is, strictly speaking, against the law, which forbids buying and selling (except on a very limited scale) on the holy day. Tickets, therefore, cannot be sold. So your entrance is free, but you contribute toward the cost of the program, which you have to do. And by sheer chance, of course, the size of the contribution is the exact amount of the ticket.

I happened to be with a British friend at the time, and as we completed the transac-

tion and settled down to watch, I told him the story which it reminded me of: There was this bedouin who lost his camel, and looked for its everywhere in vain. Finally, in despair, he vowed that if he found it he would sell it for one rial, no more no less. He then found the animal, and there was no way to keep the oath.

So he took the camel and wound an old bit of rope round its neck. The camel, he told everyone, is for sale for exactly one rial. The rope however has to be sold with it, and for ninety-nine rials. If you think the rope is a bit overpriced, then sorry, no deal...

I was going to elaborate further on the cultural parallels the story exposes, touch upon the archaic aspect of some British laws and whether they are a good or a bad thing...but there was an almighty roar and I looked round to see everyone, my friend included, standing on their seats cheering madly as our team pressed hard on the enemy...

Translated from Asharaq Al Awsat

Soviets fan out along Afghan border

QUETTA, Pakistan May 3 (AFP) — Soviet troops have spread out along the Afghan border with Pakistan after flushing out "mutineers and refugees" — including Kabul government troops — from Kandahar, Afghan refugees arriving here said Sunday.

According to an intellectual from Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, Afghan Mujahedeen who took control of most of the city last month had to pull back following massive Soviet retaliatory bombing which continued Friday and Saturday.

Soviet army units fanned out through southeastern Afghanistan in an attempt to capture several hundred Afghan soldiers who defected en masse when the Soviets attempted to transfer them after they failed to retake control of the town, the source said.

The Peshawar-based Mujahedeen group Hezbi Islami Afghanistan reported "heavy civilian casualties" in several days fighting the Kandahar area. The group said that Mujahedeen have refused to negotiate with Afghan authorities.

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Budget

Agriculture and Water, the General Organization for the Conversion of Saline Waters, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, the General Organization for Electricity, the Ministry of Commerce and the General Organization for Grain Silos. This sector has been allocated SR21.140 billion, of which SR15.980 has been earmarked for projects and SR5.160 billion for recurring expenditures. Of all this, SR11.290 billion has been allocated for agriculture and water and SR6.782 billion for industry and electricity. The budget allocation for this sector records an increase of SR1.770 billion, or 10 per cent, over that of the year preceding.

Among the new projects include desalination plants, transport lines and pumping plants to supply water to Makkah, Taif and Assir region. Additionally, preparations will be made to install desalination plants for water supply in Qassim, Hail and Tabuk regions as well as other water networks and water treatment plants in different urban and rural areas and settlements.

Moreover, budget sanctions have been made for new projects to expand and beautify electrical installations in Tabuk, Arar and Alraj.

(D) Social and Health Development
This sector comprises the Ministry of Health, social affairs, social insurance, information and youth welfare. A sum of SR13.616 billion has been allocated for this sector, of which SR6.545 billion have been earmarked for projects and SR7.070 billion for recurring expenditures. SR6.831 billion

has been allocated for health expenditure and SR3.115 billion for social affairs and youth welfare. The allocations for this sector register an increase of SR1.283 billion, or 10 per cent, over that of fiscal year 1400/1401.

Under the Health Ministry's budget, nine new hospitals will be constructed including a 500-bed hospital in Dammam, two health institutes for the training of health technicians and health assistants and extension to hospitals in Tabuk, Jauf and Arar.

It is worthwhile mentioning that the above mentioned health allocations are confined to the expenditure on health services rendered by the ministry, and does not include the health services which other institutions, such as defense, security, universities and others offer.

(E) Infrastructures
This sector includes housing, public works, pilgrimage facilities and infrastructure programs in the industrial towns of Jubail and Yanbu. The new budget allocates SR14.062 billion for this sector, of which SR13.700 has been earmarked for projects and SR361 million for recurring expenditures. The allocated amount shows an increase of SR2.218 billion, or 20 per cent, over that of the year preceding.

(F) — Municipal services
This sector comprises the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, municipalities, rural complexes and water departments. The new budget allocation for this head is SR26.290 billion, of which SR22.700 are for projects and SR3.588 for recurring expenses. The amount allocated

shows an increase of SR6.546 billion, or 33 per cent, over last year's allocations.

(G) Military and security sectors
The overall allocation for the sectors is SR 82.530 billion, showing an increase of SR13.587 billion, or 19 per cent, over the allocations of 1400/1401. These allocations include provisions for large-scale housing projects for the personnel of these sectors.

(H) Public Administration sector
It includes other auxiliary government departments for which the new budget has allocated SR 9.863 billion, which shows an increase of SR 1.900 billion, or 24 per cent, over that of the year preceding.

(I) Local subsidies
The new budget includes local subsidy

Allocations		
University of Petroleum and Minerals	931	927
King Faisal University	730	540
Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University	1,148	696
Medina Islamic University	314	247
Ummul Qura University	432	—
The General Organization of Technical Education and Vocational Training	1,701	1,118
Social Development Sector		
Health Ministry	6,831	6,494
Information Ministry	1,573	1,442
Social Affairs	2,104	1,710
Youth Welfare	2,698	2,688

Transportation and Communications Sector		
Communications Ministry	11,762	7,594
Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Ministry	7,388	8,493
Civil Aviation	11,360	10,993
Ports Authority	3,514	3,836
The General Railroad Organization	958	678
Saudia	5,448	5,136
Resources Sector		
Agriculture Ministry	3,963	4,169
Saline Water Conversion Corporation	7,327	6,416
Petroleum and Mineral Resources Ministry	1,294	1,615
Industry and Electricity Ministry	6,782	4,847
Agricultural Bank	2,654	1,080
Grain Silos and Flour Mills Corporation	1,217	630
Petronas	398,230	387
Electricity Organization	2,775	3,020

programs including subsidies for foodstuffs, local agricultural and animal products as well as subsidies for athletic clubs and electricity. The budget allocates SR 9.100 billion for this sector.

(III) Allocations for local loans
A sum of SR 24.850 billion has been allocated for real estate, industrial and agricultural loan funds with a view to shaping the productive national capital and boosting housing programs for the citizens.

In the end, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy hopes that the budget, like the previous ones, would provide the right path toward the realization of major objectives and aspirations which received full concern of the King and the crown prince.

Infrastructure Sector		
Public Works and Housing Ministry	6,444	5,758
Jubail and Yanbu Royal Commission	7,062	5,570
Municipal Services Sector		
Municipalities and Rural Settlements	21,967	17,769
Water and Sewage Departments	4,325	1,973
Pensions	2,717	2,485
Red crescent	93	81

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